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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KIKUCHI et al
Serial No.: 09/921,141
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For: Electric Appliance Renting System
Art Unit: 3627
Examiner: L. Jasmin

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner For Patents
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January 13, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the office action dated October 13, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.